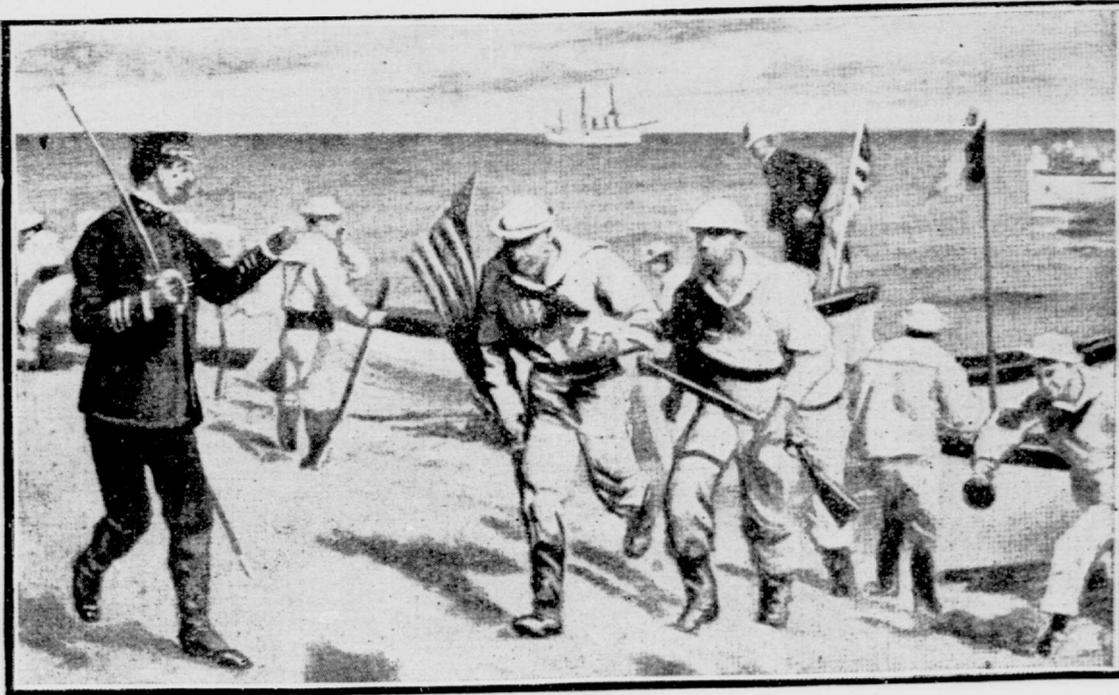
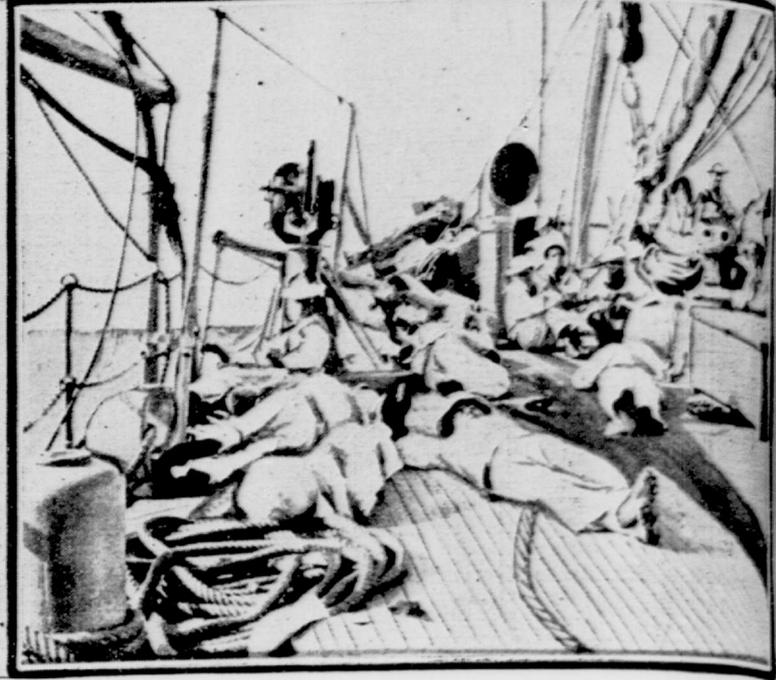


NAVAL MILITIA ARE THIS WEEK HAVING THEIR INNINGS AT THE GAME OF WARFARE IN GARDINER'S



LEADING THE ATTACK OF A LANDING PARTY.  
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LOAFING ON DECK.

**MANNING A WAR FLEET.**

*Landsmen Practise Naval Game To Be Ready in Emergency.*

The cavalry, the infantry and the coast defenders of the militia reserve having had their innings in the game of warfare, the members of the naval militia are about to have theirs. Yesterday a fleet of war vessels, including the United States ships Yankee, Prairie, Machias, Portsmouth, Gloucester, Wasp, Inca and Hist, and a flotilla of torpedo boats, including several submarines, sailed into Gardiner's Bay, at the eastern end of Long Island. On board of these vessels was the naval militia of the states of New Jersey (Hoboken Division), New York (including the divisions from Buffalo, Brooklyn and New York), Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Maine. For one week they are to practise the art of war in a manner as near to the actual as possible, following in this respect the example set by the land forces. The officer of the naval reserve who the other day talked about going ashore occasionally to play golf doubtless will discover that the manoeuvres are to represent work. There will be no medals for wearing gold lace presented at the end of the cruise. So far as possible the vessels and their equipment will be operated by the officers and men of the reserve.

The manoeuvres are a part of the work laid out for the naval militia throughout the Atlantic and lake states. Those of the militia of North Carolina, the District of Columbia and the Camden division of New Jersey were held on Chesapeake Bay between July 18 and 27. Between August 11 and 18 similar manoeuvres will be conducted on Lake Michigan, off South Manitou Island, by the reserves of Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Ohio.

While the reserves will not learn all about the management of a fleet in the course of the week that will be spent at the eastern end of the Sound, they will become somewhat accustomed to working together, and will learn the technique of fleet evolutions, something about the scheme of coast defence from the naval point of view, and have real target practice with 3-inch guns. The amateur tars will learn, for instance, that it is not good form to drop anchor or hoist it without first mentioning the fact that it is desired to do so to the senior officer in command of the fleet. The officers of the militia will learn how to manage the fleet when in column formation, and what to do when a man falls overboard or for any other cause it is necessary for a vessel to leave the column. There will be daily practice in giving and receiving signals by flag, and every night there will be drills with the Ardois light signals and the searchlights. Umpires on the flagship Yankee, in command of Commander C. C. Marsh, U. S. N., will take note of the vessels which score the most firsts in responding to the signals. There will be boat drills.

Some time in the course of the week the torpedo flotilla will test the quality of the fleet as a coast defence by attempting to enter a harbor through the line. This attack on the port to be defended will be made under the cover of night. If two of the torpedo boats or submarines succeed in eluding the searchlights and pass the line into the harbor the defending fleet will be considered losers and the port is left at the mercy of the invading enemy. Perhaps, instead of the searchlight method of discovery, the "dark" method will be used. This consists of shutting off all the lights and trying to learn the whereabouts of the torpedo boats in the darkness.

Target practice will be an important part of the drills. The naval militia will be divided into squads of fifty. Each group of fifty will have one gun pointer. The target practice will

be with the 3-inch guns on the Yankee and the Prairie at the regulation naval targets. This practice will probably take place the latter part of the week, after the gun pointers have gained proficiency with the Morris tube.

The Morris tube practice, "ping pong practice," as some of the militia style it, is a system of drill which involves all the elements required in aiming and firing the regular guns without the expense or the danger to shipping. In this kind of practice a small calibre rifle is fastened to the barrel of the big gun. It is attached in such a way that in aiming the big gun the little gun is brought into the same relationship with the target as the big gun would be in were the target floating in the water a considerable distance away. The trigger is manipulated by the apparatus which would discharge the large gun were it loaded. Floating on a boom just in front of the muzzle of the big gun is the target. This is covered with small squares with dots in their centres, and is in itself hardly larger than the muzzle of the gun. The boom on which it is fastened is supported by a guy from overhead, moved back and forth horizontally by two other guys leading off on either side. Sailors manipulate these guys in such a manner as to give the target the vertical and horizontal motion that it would have were it actually floating on the water. The gun pointer sights the big gun upon this moving target, getting his range by means of the machinery used in handling the large gun. When he obtains his range he fires. It is not the big gun but the little one which responds, and it is the little target which is struck. All of the operations have been performed with the massive rifle, but the bullet may be no larger than one's little finger, and it is caught in a bed behind the target. When the gun pointers have their hands in the gun crews will fire real shells at a target similar to that used by the United States navy.

The naval reserve will find that naval duties include other work than that which might be styled naval warfare. Some of the men who are accustomed to the clean labors of an office in the business district are down for duty as oilers and wipers in the engine room. Every

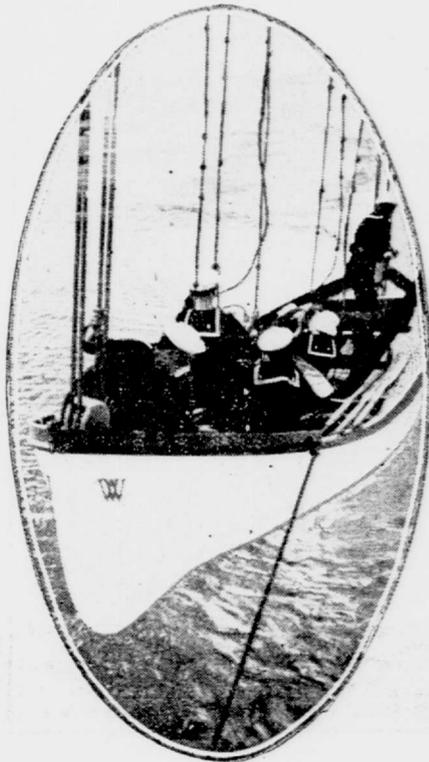
morning there will be the task of holystoning the deck. This appetizer for breakfast is served at 5 o'clock. It is said that one is ready for a leather steak after taking this exercise.

As the list of boats indicates, craft of various types will take part in the manoeuvres. The most curious vessel of all will doubtless be the old sailing frigate Portsmouth, detailed for the use of the Hoboken division of the New Jersey militia. It is said that the New Jersey men are very proud of their war vessel. It was within a year or two that its qualities were demonstrated by the sailing of the vessel without assistance into New York Harbor.

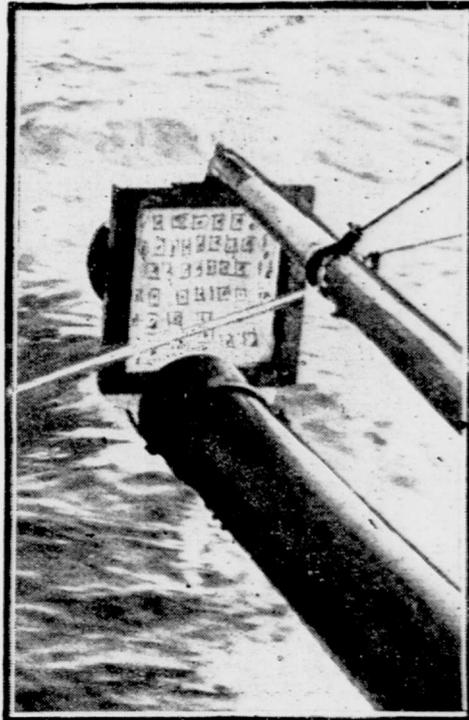
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Governor's wife was to have her first taste of his famous coffee, and next to his knowledge of the Adirondack country there are two things



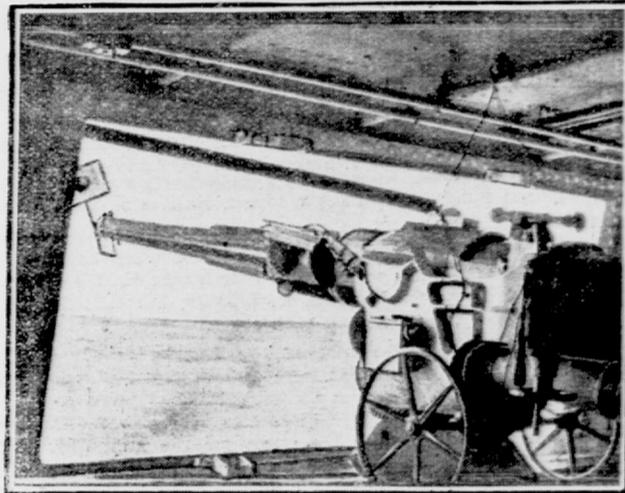
LIFEBOAT DRILL



TARGET FOR PING PONG PRACTICE.



PRACTICE CLIMB TO MASTHEAD.



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